

LABOR PARTY PICKS PACIFIST LEADER

Springs Surprise in Commons
by Ousting Clynes for
MacDonald.

SCOTS PLANNED CHANGE

Conscientious Objector Lost
Seat in 1918 Because of
War Record.

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The Labor party gave the new Parliament its first surprise to-day when it turned down John R. Clynes and elected as its leader James Ramsay MacDonald, during the war a violent pacifist and opponent of all war. The vote was 61 to 56, and the competition so close that the party was already scenting a Labor split, though the laborites reject any such suggestion. Clynes was chosen deputy chairman and Arthur Henderson the chief whip outside the House until he can win a seat in the Commons. In the event of the Bonar Law Government meeting defeat the traditions of Commons prescribe that the retiring Prime Minister suggests to the King that the leader of the opposition be called to form a new Government.

The decision was reached after a long discussion, wherein the claims of both Clynes and MacDonald were strongly advocated, but MacDonald found a powerful backing among the Scottish members, principally newcomers. This group held a separate meeting and perfect their plans for the change before the general gathering. They expressed their intention of "forcing the pace" regarding unemployment and housing, which Labor will make issues. Many of the newcomers regard Clynes as too moderate and passive when he conducts a fight on the floor of the House and refused to listen to the arguments of his supporters that he should be chosen as a reward for his two years' hard work against heavy odds.

Turbulent Political Career.

It is generally admitted in Parliamentary circles that MacDonald has superior skill in Parliamentary tactics, and if the party remains solid behind him he will greatly strengthen the opposition. He has had a turbulent political career, being elected to Commons by the Leicester district in 1906, and serving till 1918, when he was rejected by an enormous majority owing to his wartime activities. He preached pacifism as a conscientious objector and urged and attempted to organize a peace by negotiation which caused him to be widely denounced. Many of his meetings were broken up by crowds of soldiers and workmen. He visited Russia, where he appealed to the Socialists, and has been there since the war in connection with the International. He was defeated for Parliament again in 1921. He is a tremendous worker with a powerful voice and ready flow of language, and has proved an adroit and bold leader. Clynes is no orator, but is a tactician, and is greatly respected in the House by his opponents as well as followers.

Commons was busy swearing in its members this evening when Lloyd George entered to take the oath, and was cordially greeted by the handful of members present. He seemed in the best of spirits.

The Bonar Law Government is adopting a firm attitude towards the un-

FRENCH PROPOSE TO CHECK FOREIGN DIVORCES BY TAX

None to Be Granted Unless Applicants Have Lived in
France Six Months and Paid Income Levy, but
Details Will Remain Secret.

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No divorce in Paris courts for foreigners unless proof can be furnished that they have paid the current instalment of French income taxes in the latest proposal to halt the increasing applications of numerous Americans of both sexes, whose dollars are alleged to buy secrecy as to the details of their actions for divorce, hiding serious causes under the formal complaint that one or the other of the couple "refuses to resume marital relations."

It is understood that high court officials who are not anxious to get mixed in foreign divorce scandals are ready to give their support to such a measure and will urge that a law requiring proofs of French residence, accompanied by tax receipts, be enacted. Some French lawyers, who are not specialists in American divorces, are reported to be preparing a scheme whereby, in addition to income tax credentials, applicants must pay a special fee of several thousand francs into a fund for pensioned court employees.

employed, some thousands of whom had planned a demonstration to-morrow by marching to Parliament to demand relief. The Prime Minister has refused to receive their leaders, referring them to the Ministries of Labor and Health, which he says have full power to act, and which will receive the demonstration. Scotland Yard has intimated that the National Unemployed Workers' movement will not be permitted to approach the House or enter the Whitehall area. The leaders, disappointed, say that the men themselves must decide their course of action.

Charge Plot of Moscow.

The Pall Mall Gazette says the move is an organized plan to provoke a riot at the dictation of Moscow, and a revolutionary plot rather than a genuine manifestation by the unemployed. It says the chief aim is not to get relief but to justify an immediate demand by the Reds for money from Moscow, "without which the Communist organization in this country is in danger of starving; and Moscow has refused to pay more money unless some big coups were brought off to justify it." A collision with the police is feared, and heavy reserves have been ordered to be ready.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—(Associated Press)—The ejaculation "We will smash all this," shouted in broad Scottish accent by one of the Labor members at the conclusion of the ceremonies yesterday in the House of Lords is considered significant. The new Laborite members are described by some writers as "grim, stern, set men" to whom the Scottish word "dour" seems specially applicable, and they are credited with intending to inject a bit of ginger into their party.

MacDonald was elected for Aberavon the division of Glamorganshire, by a large majority despite the fact that Mr. Lloyd George made a special journey to that constituency to speak against him and his war record, which the former declared unfitted him for Parliament.

Mr. Clynes, while deprecating the action of the Scottish members holding a separate caucus professed his hearty dislike for party quarrels and declared his intention to cooperate loyally with Mr. MacDonald for the advantage of the party.

The tax idea alone, however, is expected to be effective as a bar to the majority of foreign applicants, as in the case of millionaire Americans it would mean six months' residence in France and an additional 100,000 francs or more.

Meanwhile, to keep secret details of such divorces, several of which are now pending, but not yet appearing in the court records, the presidents of the Seine tribunals have issued a circular to all court employees prohibiting the giving of any information concerning divorces except to the lawyers dealing with them, and then only with special permission. The circular further declares no details shall be revealed until the case is actually heard and the decree handed down for registry—which in many cases prevents public knowledge for weeks, often for months afterward.

The judges themselves also have declared their intention of falling back upon a little used section of French law permitting them to grant a decree on documentary evidence, instead of verbal, which will eliminate the necessity for even lawyers attending hearings.

SULTAN'S WIVES ALL WELL AND HAPPY

Latest Bride Takes Gifts and
Returns to Parents.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 21. (Associated Press)—Officials of the Sultan's palace to-day received a radio message from Mohammed VI, who fled to Malta, inquiring after his wives, all of whom he left behind. The following reply to his inquiry was forwarded: "All are well and happy."

The most anxious of the Sultan's harem is the young Circassian beauty, a daughter of the palace gardener, to whom Mohammed VI was recently married, and upon whom he lavished expensive gifts. She has now returned to her parents, who are in modest circumstances.

Turkish newspapers assert that the Sultan took with him \$500,000 in currency, a solid gold antique dinner set valued at \$250,000 and several hundred thousand dollars worth of jewels as well as a field marshal's uniform.

JUDGE SENDS SPEEDERS TO MOTOR DEATH BURIAL

Six Cleveland Traffic Offend-
ers Get Object Lesson.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 21.—Six convicted traffic law violators were given an object lesson in the consequences of reckless driving when they were ordered to-day by Municipal Judge Sawicki to attend the funeral of Catherine Gilmore, 7, killed by an automobile Saturday.

Five of the men were also fined and the other, charged with driving while intoxicated, got a thirty day jail sentence, was fined \$50 and costs and deprived of the right to drive for one year. The Rev. Father Haggerty, who delivered the funeral sermon, took as his text the eighteenth chapter of St. Matthew, "Take ye heed that ye harm not even the least of these," and the Fifth Commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

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